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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the references identified on the attached PTO-1449 form, copies of which are enclosed herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

I. SUBMITTED US PATENT REFERENCES

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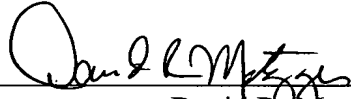
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IV. EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

The above-identified references were cited in Japanese Patent Office Search Report of February 8, 2001 in counterpart PCT Patent Application No. PCT/JP00/06308. A copy of the Search Report is submitted herewith.

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